

Baba's Precious Lesson

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Baba: Mansoor, come sit with me, my dear son. I want to share a beautiful lesson with you today.

Mansoor: What is it, Baba? Is it another story from the Prophet ﷺ?

Baba: Yes, my son. It is a hadith about a special delegation that visited our beloved Prophet ﷺ and learned valuable lessons about faith and good deeds.

Mansoor: That sounds interesting! Please tell me, Baba.

Baba: Once, a group of people from the tribe of Abdul Qais traveled to meet the Prophet ﷺ. He welcomed them warmly and told them they would never regret coming to him. But they had a problem.

Mansoor: What problem, Baba?

Baba: They lived far away and could only visit during the sacred months when travel was safe. They wanted the Prophet ﷺ to teach them something they could practice and share with their people back home.

Mansoor: That was very thoughtful of them!

Baba: Yes, my dear. The Prophet ﷺ gave them five important instructions:

1. To believe in Allah alone and testify that Muhammad ﷺ is His Messenger.
2. To pray regularly.
3. To give zakat to help those in need.
4. To fast in the month of Ramadan.
5. To pay Al-Khumus, a portion of wealth, in Allah's cause.

Mansoor: Wow, those are all things we do as Muslims!

Baba: Exactly! The Prophet ﷺ also warned them against four things: drinking from pots that made alcohol intoxicating.

Mansoor: But, Baba, why did the Prophet ﷺ mention the pots instead of just saying alcohol is bad?

Baba: Good question, Mansoor! The people at that time used those pots to ferment drinks that led to intoxication. The Prophet ﷺ wanted to prevent them from even getting close to drinking alcohol.

Mansoor: That makes sense! If we stay away from things that lead to bad habits, we won't fall into them.

Baba: Exactly, my son! That's why we must remember this hadith and practice what the Prophet ﷺ taught. It keeps us on the right path.

Mansoor: I will remember, Baba! Can I share this story with my friends?

Baba: Of course, my dear! Just like the delegation of Abdul Qais, we must share the teachings of Islam with others.

Mansoor: I will! Thank you, Baba, for teaching me such an important lesson today.

Baba: May Allah bless you, my son. Always remember, knowledge is a gift, and sharing it is a great reward!